REMARKS

The final Office Action dated October 19, 2007, and the patents relied on therein have been carefully reviewed, and in view of the above changes and following remarks reconsideration and allowance of all the claims pending in the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-26 stand rejected. By this Amendment, claims 6 and 19 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their respective base claims and their respective intervening claims, and claims 1-5, 7-18 and 20-26 have been accordingly canceled. Claims 6 and 19 remain pending.

The Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6 and 19 have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their respective base claims and their respective intervening claims.

Applicants have rewritten claims 6 and 19 in independent form including all of the limitations of their respective base claims and their respective intervening claims.

The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Over Talagala In View Of Zhang

Claims 1-5, 7-18 and 21-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Talagala et al. (Talagala), U.S. Patent No. 7,017,107 B2, in view of Zhang et al. (Zhang), U.S. Patent No. 7,020,394 B2.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-5, 7-18 and 21-26 thereby obviating this rejection. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and arguments, it is urged that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner find that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite passage to issue of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

It is requested that this application be passed to issue with claims 6 and 19.

Respectfully submitted,

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